BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: April 21, 2004	Division: BOCC -
Bulk Item: Yes No X	Department: DISTRICT 5
AGENDA ITEM WORDING:	Proclamation to declare May 1 st , 2004 as "LAW DAY" in Monroe County.
ITEM BACKGROUND:	This is a yearly proclamation requested by the 16 th Judicial Circuit of Florida
PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC	ACTION:
CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CH	IANGES:
STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS	:
TOTAL COST: N/A	BUDGETED: Yes No
COST TO COUNTY:	SOURCE OF FUNDS:
REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes _	No AMOUNT PER MONTH Year
APPROVED BY: County Atty	OMB/Purchasing Risk Management
DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROV	WAL: Murray & Melson MAYOR MURRAY E. NELSON
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Mayor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Law Day is a celebration of our great heritage of liberty, justice, and equality under law; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court case of Brown v. Board of Education is a landmark in the nation's march towards equality and a testament to the legal system's ability to establish and protect our rights; and

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WHEREAS, the work of dedicated lawyers in Brown v. Board of Education and in hundreds of other cases challenging segregation demonstrated the highest standards of advocacy in the service of a great cause; and

WHEREAS, Brown v. Board of Education not only ended legally imposed segregation in the schools, but was instrumental in ending it in parks, libraries, and all other public institutions; and

WHEREAS, the decision in Brown v. Board of Education inspired and gave heart to the civil rights movement and helped usher in an unprecedented era of progress; and

WHEREAS, May 17, 2004, is the fiftieth anniversary of the decision in Brown v. Board of Education;

AND WHEREAS, as we celebrate Law Day 2004, we acknowledge this great milestone case and its moral and legal imperative of equality under law, and we renew our commitment to a society of equality of opportunity and to a recognition of the value and richness of our diversity as people.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the virtue of the power vested in me as Mayor of Monroe County, I, Murray E. Nelson, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 1, 2004, as

LAW DAY

I urge the citizens, schools, businesses and media of Monroe County to use this occasion to dedicate ourselves to preserve and strengthen the rule of law.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the County of Monroe, this 21st day of April, 2004

Mayor Myray E. NELSON